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Sir:

Further examination and consideration of this application are requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

DESCRIPTION AMENDMENTS

Page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a national stage application filed under 35 USC 371 based on International Application No. PCT/FI2003/000018 filed January 10, 2003, and claims priority under 35 USC 119 of Finnish Patent Application No. 20020243 filed February 6, 2002.

Rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, to read as follows:

The invention relates to an arrangement for steering a water-craft, which comprises at least one main propulsion device, which is arranged to push the water-craft forward or backward, and a number of steering propulsion devices, the pushing direction of which can be changed, ~~in accordance with the preamble of claim 1.~~

Rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 15, to read as follows:

~~The aims of the invention can be achieved as is disclosed in claim 1 and in the other claims.~~ According to the invention the steering propulsion devices are arranged in the aft of the water craft on both sides of the said at least one main propulsion device so that the steering of the water-craft is continuously provided by means of the steering propulsion devices without any separate rudder means of the like to be functionally connected to said at least one main propulsion device.